

their arm twisted to do it, not like they get the Revenue Department at their throat saying, pay up or you're going to jail. This is a voluntary tax. The only thing bad about it is I can't think of any other tax this year that you've raised from 3 percent to 16 percent. I can't think of a tax where they used to pay \$108 in taxes on \$3,600, under this wonderful coalition agreement now they are only going to have to pay \$202. You think that is not a tax increase? It's right here, it's right here. One last time I beg of you to do something that is right.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Nobody is arguing about the regulations in this bill. I have been forced...stiffer regulations. I have received letters from numerous people that benefit from pickles saying we want stiffer regulations, we want to throw the crooks out. But instead what we are doing here is making those charitable organizations collect more taxes for the government, and we don't care what they are left with. And nobody now can say I made a mistake, I didn't understand, because now you've had at least two chances. And I'm hoping that you'll be big enough to say, you know, maybe that is right, maybe I ought not raise the taxes on those charitable organizations. Thank you for your indulgence. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 1100 correctly Engrossed, LB 1100A correctly Engrossed. Senators Hartnett and Schmit would like to print amendments to LB 632. That is all that I have. Thank you, Mr. President. (See pages 1728-35 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall, would you care to discuss the Labeledz amendment?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Question has been called. I do see five hands. Those in favor of closing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.